



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 17

Meeting Date: June 15, 2007

Meeting Location: Dubois County DCS
611 Bartley
Jasper, IN 47546

Council Members Present: Susan Lesko, Leslie Rowland, Lisa Bowles, Judge Weikert, David Galloway, Bonita Mattingly

Council Members Absent: Connie Branch, Amy Smith, Georgann Gogel,

Others In Attendance: Lana Tobin, Melinda Berry, Herbert Gordon, Natalie Kassenbrock, John Kuss, Cathy Kuss

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 8:00 A.M.

1. Natalie Kassenbrock with Ireland & Luzio gave a summary of the referrals for Community Partners from January 2007 through May 2007. The referrals were as follows: Crawford 0, Daviess 12, Dubois 5, Martin 8, Orange 3, Perry 6, Spencer 2 for a total of 36 referrals.

Referrals have been increasing slowly. Each month we are improving on the number of referrals. Discussion was held by the Council on how to increase referrals in the counties where there have been few referrals and what if any issues exist regarding the lack of referrals. Many calls are now coming from sources outside the DCS. We are receiving more self referrals and several calls have also come through probation.

As of May 31, 2007 a total of 21 open cases were being serviced. In May there were 13 new referrals made and 12 were accepted into the program.

The Regional Services Council decided that we need to expand our outreach efforts. The Council agreed that our Community Partners need to do mass mailings to trustees, churches, social service agencies, hospitals, county extension offices, 4-

H fairs, pediatricians, WIC offices and Health Depts. We also discussed meeting with school principals, social workers and nurses when the school year begins.

Natalie stated they are continuing to work on getting sub-contractors in the region, but have not yet had commitments from anyone. After meeting with Lincoln Hills on several occasions they have decided not to sub contract. There were areas in the contract they were concerned about and they were non-negotiable. On May 31st Natalie met with Cathy Kuss, however; PACT has not yet made a decision regarding sub-contracting. Natalie stated they are still waiting to hear from Southern Hills and the Samaritan Center.

2. BUDGET:

The budget process was briefly discussed. Each county gave a short overview of their budget for this year as well as their proposed budgets for next year. There were monetary issues in several counties; however, the directors are on top of their budgets and making necessary adjustments. We discussed ways to maximize our dollars utilizing federal dollars and “making due with less.”

3. Requests for Funds:

None

4. Future Agenda Items:

Discussion of Child and Family team meetings.

Practice Reform.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: August 17, 2007 at 8:00 A.M. at the Dubois County DCS, 611 Bartley St., Jasper, IN

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:15 A.M.